



# THE MESSENGER

The weekly review of the Parish of

*St Michael and All Angels*

Watford

TRINITY 5

Sunday 30 June 2024

We are now able to receive the wine at communion. There will be a chalice on your left for those who wish to receive by drinking, and on your right for those who wish to receive by dipping their wafer in the wine. You are also welcome to just receive the bread.

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A warm welcome to our service today.

Hymns for Sunday are: 490 Jesus shall reign, 423 Fight the good fight, 475 Immortal love, 376 And can it be.

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## **For your prayers this week:**

**The Church:** The Parish of Toddington in our Diocese  
The Anglican Church of Hong Kong  
The work of the Children's Society.

**The World:** Everyone standing in, voting in, and administering the election  
All those affected by conflict in Kenya  
All those affected by industrial action in the health service.

**The Community and Parish:** NuWorks Theatre Group  
Our GP practices and all who work in and through them  
Members of our Church family who can't get to Sunday morning worship.

**The Ill and the Housebound:** Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, Jemima Hill, Owen Hutchinson, Kristina Jenkins, Lisa Mills, Brian O'Riordan, Valerie O'Riordan, Matthew Paterson, Josephine Stadden, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Adelaide Tonkin, and all who care for them.

**The Departed:**

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**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
 hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;  
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING 2 Samuel 1.1, 17–27**

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

- 1 After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.
- 17 David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan.
- 18 (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar:.) He said:
- 19 Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen!
- 20 Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.
- 21 You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.
- 22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.
- 23 Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
- 24 O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
- 25 How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
- 26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
- 27 How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

**SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8.7–15**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

- 7 You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.
- 8 I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.
- 9 For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
- 10 And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something –
- 11 now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.
- 12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have.

- 13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question  
of a fair balance between  
14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in  
order that there may be a fair balance.  
15 As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little  
did not have too little.'

## GOSPEL Mark 5.21-43

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

- 21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around  
him; and he was by the lake.  
22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him,  
23 fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come  
and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.'  
24 So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.  
25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years.  
26 She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was  
no better, but rather grew worse.  
27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,  
28 for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'  
29 Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her  
disease.  
30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd  
and said, 'Who touched my clothes?'  
31 And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say,  
"Who touched me?"'  
32 He looked all around to see who had done it.  
33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down  
before him, and told him the whole truth.  
34 He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your  
disease.'  
35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your  
daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?'  
36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only  
believe.'  
37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.  
38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people  
weeping and wailing loudly.  
39 When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The  
child is not dead but sleeping.'  
40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and  
mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.  
41 He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up!'  
42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At  
this they were overcome with amazement.  
43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something  
to eat.

Our service today is available to attend in person  
or via livestream on our YouTube channel  
“St Michael’s Church Watford”  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8GTX0MfiICGmcDUkXTGFSw>

**The 10.00am Eucharist each Thursday is also available to attend in person, and livestreamed.**

**The Church will be open** for tea and coffee on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

**Another wonderful musical by NuWorks theatre from Melbourne.** 5pm today, June 30th in St Michael’s. They are presenting “Treasure Island” and it is suitable for 12 years and upwards. Booking not required, free entry although donations are welcome and all donations go to church funds.

**We are providing refreshments for the actors and would appreciate donations of cake please.** Jane will be happy to receive the cakes this morning, ready for when the actors arrive later in the day.

**Norma will be having a Bring-and-Buy Sale** after the 9.30 service today Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please support.

**Every donation that is made to SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PCC WATFORD** is gratefully received. Code 20-91-79 Account 70409448. Gift Aid? Please contact a warden. Thank you very much!

**Dementia Awareness:** As you may be aware, the PCC wishes St Michael’s to be recognised as a Dementia-friendly church. A number of you have signed the list at the back of church saying that you would like to be part of this. Age UK are holding a Dementia Awareness training session on July 29th starting at 10.30a.m. and ending at 12.00noon. All would be very welcome to join members of the Say it with a Smile charity at the excellent Lord Lieutenant’s Charity Hub at Warner Bros studios at Leavesden. If you are interested (and for directions) please speak to or email Simon Fowle ([simon.fowle@ntlworld.com](mailto:simon.fowle@ntlworld.com)).

**29th September is Fr. Geoff’s Farewell Parish Lunch.** Please see Maggie with offers of help with the food.

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